Minutes from the WeCAN Meeting held at Westfield City Hall Assembly Room on March 27, 2012

Disclaimer: I hope you will find these notes helpful. They are not a complete representation of the meeting, but rather the highlights of topics discussed. Feel free to contact Carrie or Derek at Westfield City Hall: communications@westfield.in.gov or (317) 804-3001 if you have any questions.

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Agenda

I. Welcome – John Dippel

II. Q&A with Mayor Cook

III. Presentation by Steve Braun - Candidate for Indiana House of Representatives District 24 in Carmel, Westfield, & Zionsville

IV. Westfield In Bloom

V. Police Presentation - Crime Reports

VI. Conclude



I. Welcome

The next WeCAN meeting is on **Tuesday, April 24, at 7pm** at **City Hall Assembly Room** (130 Penn St).

John Dippel, City Council Vice-President, opened the meeting with introductions.

Mayor Cook discussed and gave updates on the Yellow Tie Ball, which has had a change of date to June 1, 2012. Other topics included the current tax rate and the upcoming construction of US31 through Westfield.

II. Q & A

Mayor Cook answered a question about property assessments, saying the assessments were completed last year and bills should be expected in April.

Mayor Cook also answered a question US31 construction project and its effects on the side streets of Westfield. He said police will be monitoring heavy traveled areas.

III. Presentation by Steve Braun

Steve Braun, Candidate for State Representative for District 24 which includes Westfield, Carmel and Zionsville, stopped by the meeting to tell WeCAN a little about himself. You can learn more about Steve by visiting his website: http://www.stevebraunforindiana.com/

IV. Westfield In Bloom

Linda White spoke on the upcoming events Westfield In Bloom has going on this summer. Events include a Community Plant Day on May 19th at Quaker Park and a free gardening workshop series that will run throughout the summer.

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The WIB's floral display competition will be held June 23-24. The registration deadline is June 16th. For more information on WIB and their events, visit the Parks Department page on the City's website.

Mike Lee spoke on behalf of the Plant-A-Row program. The program is looking to donate over 3,000lbs of food to Hamilton County food banks this summer. There will be donation spots at the Westfield Farmers Market or at local food banks in Hamilton County. For more information on Plant-a-Row, visit the Westfield-In-Bloom page on the City's Parks Department page.

V. Police Presentation - Crime Reports

Assistant Police Chief Scott Jordan presented Crime Reports. Crime Reports allows for police run information to be collected live and displayed online for all citizens to access. Citizens are able to look up incidents specific to their neighborhood and even set up alerts when an incident occurs near their home or business.

To access Crime Reports:

- 1. Visit the Police Department page on the City's website at: http://www.westfield.in.gov
 OR
- 2. Enter the URL for Westfield's Crime Reports directly into your browser: https://www.crimereports.com/agency/wpd

Scott is happy to attend HOA meetings or meet individually to explain Crime Reports. Feel free to contact him via email (<u>sjordan@westfield.in.gov</u>) or phone (804-3202).

VI. Closing Announcements

The next WeCAN meeting is on **Tuesday, April 24, at 7pm** at the City Hall Assembly Room. Next Agenda:

- I. What do you want from WeCAN in 2012
- II. Mindi McMillan for Indiana State Representative. www.mindimcmillanforstaterep.com
- III. Westfield Washington Library Board review construction plans

If you have any topic suggestions or issues that you have questions on, please don't hesitate to contact us at communications@westfield.in.gov.

For updated announcements and information from the past meetings, please visit the WeCAN Website: http://sites.google.com/site/wecaninformation/